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# Driving more snowmobilers to area

Minden Hills council unveils new plan to draw more snowmobile activity

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills council wants to make Minden a snowmobiling hub again. A \$200,000 plan to revitalize Minden as a

snowmobiling destination was unveiled at council's March 31 meeting and councillors voted to apply for \$25,000 in funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) to get the project started.

"How do we get Minden back on the snowmobile map?" asked Reeve Barb Reid as she gave councillors an overview of the proposed project, which aims to reaffirm Minden as a snowmobile-friendly area with a new marketing strategy that includes increased signage and enhanced accessibility, as well as a couple of

bridge upgrades.

The plan grew out of conversations between the township, members of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and others such as the Haliburton ATV Association and county economic development director Bob Smith.

The township is hoping to access funding through the province's Rural Economic Development program, which is a fund-matching program.

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Players representing the Minden Curling Club were the first to march into the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena during the 2011 Timbits provincial curling championships opening ceremonies, held on April 1. Sixty-four teams from across the province participated in the Ontario Elementary School Curling Championships, held March 31 to April 3.

The opening ceremonies saw more than 300 young curlers and coaches line up around the ice and show support for their hometown. This was the first time in history the 24th annual tournament was held in Minden Hills.

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**Angelica Blenich**  
Times staff





### Tanks roll through Carnarvon

This group of soldiers, part of the Royal Canadian Dragoon regiment out of Petawawa, stopped in Carnarvon for some snacks on April 1. Members of the regiment were in the Minden area throughout the weekend, performing routine training exercises and mingling with the public.

**Chad Ingram** Times staff

# Snowmobile and ATV clubs to chip in

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This means in order for the township to gain the \$100,000 it is looking for from the province, it must first have \$100,000 to show.

The snowmobile and ATV associations have agreed to chip in a combined \$50,000 and if the township is successful in its bid for HCDC funding, it will look in its own pockets for the remaining \$25,000.

This amount would need to come from the 2010 surplus, or, possibly from the 2012 budget.

Minden was once a popular destination for snowmobilers.

"Things have changed in the past 10 years," Reid said, explaining that the

decrease in snowmobile traffic, at least in part, has resulted from the termination of usage agreements on private land.

This has meant snowmobilers have had to travel on stretches of road in and around Minden.

"Minden has essentially fallen off the snowmobile map," the reeve said, emphasizing that the village is often bypassed.

The township installed a floating snowmobile bridge traversing the Gull River last year in an attempt to address the issue.

Reid said that some of the issues with regards to the land use agreements over private land had been resolved and said the plan includes the creation of snow-fence corridors through private land to avoid problems.



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### Van rolls over on Hwy. 118

A single vehicle accident saw this van rollover three times before landing upright on Highway 118 just east of Carnarvon on April 2 at approximately 1:30 p.m. The vehicle was heading west to Carnarvon when it hit the shoulder of the highway. The driver of the vehicle, an elderly female, was taken to the Minden Hills hospital with injuries to her hand and was later airlifted out due to trauma to the chest.

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An individual or a group of people have created a short list of books that they think you should read. The book reviews with them are nice work.

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Tickets for the concert will be sold at the door. An event of original music by a group of local artists, the "Rails End band" will perform at 8 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Rail's End band.

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# Art reflects people viewing art

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Adam Matak's colourful and enigmatic paintings start with the simplest of tools: a Bic pen, which he uses to sketch.

Matak, whose Museum Series is showing at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery, took attendees at an opening April 1 through his process.

The exhibition is a clever and satirical examination of people's reaction to art, and Matak, animated and comical, shared stories of mind-boggling reactions to art he's seen in people.

Many of the works depict people doing strange things with paintings – burying them, attempting to climb into them, etc – in a futile attempt to understand what it is they are looking at.

An added bit of depth is that the paintings within Matak's paintings are depictions of real works of art and his paintings seem to generally hold a series of references that, had Matak not been there to explain them, would surely have been lost on most viewers.

To add another dimension, life-size, cut-out-style sculptures of people observing and reacting, some adversely, to his art are scattered around the gallery.

Matak's training as a printmaker is reflective in his works, as well the influence of cartoons and movie stills.



**Chad Ingram** Times staff

**Adam Matak talks about the works in his exhibit, Museum Series, to attendees at an opening gala at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery on April 1. The exhibition runs until May 14.**

"We're sort of confusing and combining all these things," he said.

The paintings look almost cartoonish, like they belong in a graphic novel or on the front of some hipster's T-shirt.

The lines in his paintings are gone over with an incredibly think, black marker, which contributes largely to this comic-book effect.

Matak said his style was not really accepted during art school at the University of Windsor.

"This didn't really fit into it, which made me want to do it even more," he said.

The exhibit runs until May 14.

## Minden Hills water tower to be operational in May

*The following are brief reports from a March 31 Minden Hills council meeting.*

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden's water tower should be operational in a month or so.

Minden Hills chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison told councillors at a March 31 meeting that the tower should be ready to go some time in May.

It was originally hoped the tower would be operational at the beginning of 2011, but delays, including most recently issues with frost, have pushed that date back.

A year ago, council discovered that the tower, which stands at the top of St. Germaine Street, was going to cost \$1 million more than its consultants had estimated, with a total cost of \$3.4 million.

The two thirds of the estimated \$2.4 million cost was covered by stimulus funding from the feds and the province.

The township has been able to reduce its \$1 million shortfall to \$686,000 through negotiations with the contractor.

Canadian Tire has said it won't begin construction on the store it is supposed to build at the intersection of Water Street and Hwy. 35 until the water tower is complete. The tower will save the company from having to build its own cistern for the store.

### Looking for lake access

Councillors heard from a Soyers Lake Road resident who wants the township to do something about the lack of public access to the lake.

"There seems to be no access," Gordon Ryckman told councillors, adding that the only spot he knew of to launch a boat was at Bryson's Marina and there, he said, people have to pay.

"Why should you have to pay to access the lake?" Ryckman asked, adding he thought this amounted to discrimination against people who are not waterfront property owners.

Ryckman noted the township owns shoreline road allowances around the lake and wanted to know if it was willing to clear trees to open one of these allowances up, or grant permission for members of the public to do so.

"Municipalities are under no obligation to open road allowances that touch the water," Reeve Barb Reid said, adding there are many lakes within the township that did have public boat launches.

The township will be in contact with the marina.

### Council helps historical designation of Irondale church

Councillors voted that the township bear the \$500 cost of registering a bylaw to designate the church in Irondale as a historical site.

St. John's Anglican Church was closed by the diocese last summer due to a shrinking congregation and difficult economic times.

The Irondale Historical Society has expressed interest in buying the church and its property and members have said the designation of the building as a historical site would help them in their negotiations with the diocese.

Built in 1887 by pioneer Charles Pusey, the building and property are valued at approximately \$50,000.

### Councillors hear about water trails

Mark Coleman, trail coordinator for Algonquin Highlands and head of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails network, paid councillors a visit, giving the new council a sort of orientation session on the water trails, which, while they are in Algonquin Highlands, are promoted as a county resource.

As such, the committee overseeing the water trails includes representatives from various townships and Coleman said he would be looking for a Minden Hills councillor to come aboard.

Former councillor Rick Ratcliff had been the township's representative and council will be appointing a rep at a later date. Coleman said he would also be looking for some funding in the future for the creation of a master plan and said there is interest in renewing focus on the Burnt and Irondale rivers as canoeing destination. Portions of both rivers run through Minden Hills.

# election

# Devolin gets into pushing match

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Federal Conservative Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidate Barry Devolin has announced he will be boycotting a local newspaper during the election campaign and that newspaper is pushing back, with its publisher accusing Devolin of trying to put the publication out of business.

Devolin said on Moose FM last week that he would not be talking to or advertising with the *Haliburton County Voice* during the campaign in light of the fact his Liberal opponent in the election is the paper's managing editor, Laura Redman, who has taken a leave of absence from her post during the campaign.

Devolin spoke about his decision with the *Times*, explaining he was unsure whether he and other candidates would be able to receive balanced coverage from the newspaper in light of its connection to their opponent.

"How do we feel we have a fair shake?" he asked. "It is a dilemma. I will not be making any comment to the *Voice*. Something feels wrong about it."

When asked for a response to Devolin's decision, *Voice* publisher Stephen Patrick referred the *Times* to an editorial he'd recently placed on his paper's website.

"In one fell swoop Mr. Devolin has managed to defy the freedom of the press, to abrogate his responsibility to all the voters, and to threaten the very existence of the *Voice*," Patrick writes in an editorial entitled Devolin and Harperites Declare War on Local Business.

"All responsible media outlets across Canada need party and candidate advertising revenue because of the extra costs involved in covering election campaigns."

Devolin's decision to refuse to place any advertising in the *Voice* has one clear and undeniable motive: to drive this newspaper out of business," Patrick's piece continues. "And it begs the question of who else may be getting leaned on?"

Devolin said he has no agenda to put the *Voice* under and added he understood many local businesses rely on the publication for advertising.

He also questioned how his lack of advertising would jeopardize the paper's future, saying he'd spent \$309 with the paper during his 2008 campaign and noting that the Conservative party itself does not place ads in local newspapers.

Patrick's editorial goes on to insinuate there is conspiracy afoot, suggesting that the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* - both owned by Quebecor Media Inc. - have a vested interest in the matter.

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**It is a dilemma. I will not be making any comment to the *Voice*. Something feels wrong about it.**

— MP Barry Devolin

Devolin said his boycott of the paper stemmed solely from the candidacy of Redman.

If the Liberals were courting Redman for eight months, Devolin questioned why she took the editorship at the *Voice* in the first place.

Redman said when she was hired by the *Voice*, taking the Liberals up on their offer wasn't something she thought she would happen. She said she'd told Patrick at the time about the party's interest in her as a candidate.

"He knew from day one," she said. "From the day he brought me in . . . he recruited me from the YW[CA]. From day one, I said, 'You need to know this is in the background.'" Devolin also questioned the scathing editorial Redman wrote of Ontario PC leader Tim Hudak last month, saying she must have known by then that she was the Liberal candidate and that Devolin had once been chief of staff for Hudak.

Redman, who said anyone who knows her knows she always wears her politics on her sleeve, didn't deny she'd been well aware of her candidacy when she wrote her critique of Hudak.

"My history with Tim Hudak is my his-

tory with Tim Hudak," she said, explaining she'd written for newspapers in the Niagara area, where Hudak's riding is, and adding she was not aware that Devolin had a direct tie to Hudak. "I feel I was pretty nice to him in the piece I wrote compared to what I could have written."

Redman said newspapers writing editorials in favour of or in opposition to specific politicians was nothing new.

"Newspapers do that," she said. "There's a history of that." Redman said she thought Devolin's boycott of the *Voice* was unfair.

"I was pretty outraged that a national political party would try and step on a small business," she said. "Not even sending them press releases has given them no material."

She said while Devolin's campaign expenditures with the paper last time around might have totalled little more than \$300; it was the influence Devolin carries that could be financially harmful to the paper.

"There are a lot of Conservatives in this riding," she said, adding his decision "leaves the potential for them to say, 'Well, if he's not going there, I won't either.'

Devolin has now changed the way the public will view the paper, Redman said.

"He has now branded that newspaper as a Liberal newspaper, which it never has been and never will be."

Redman said it was unclear whether she would return to work at the *Voice* if she is unsuccessful her election campaign, adding she had no intention of losing.

Despite outcry from the *Voice*, Devolin said he wouldn't be changing his mind.

"I intend to stand by my decision," he said. "I have not created this awkward circumstance. It's a consequence of the reckless behaviour of their senior staff."

The election is May 2.

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# election

# Riding wants change, Redman says

**Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

"I don't think of myself as a politician, I think of myself as a pretty ordinary Canadian who cares a lot," says Laura Redman.

Redman, the federal Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, said earlier this week that ordinary Canadians who care is something the House of Commons needs more of.

Redman, a longtime journalist and social advocate (she says "activist" scares too many people), has been around politics all her life.

Growing up on a farm outside of Brampton, her parents were both members of the provincial NDP party.

They were also new Canadians; her mother a Danish immigrant and her father in the first generation of his family to be born in this country.

"I feel like a new Canadian in many ways," Redman said. "I'm also fiercely proud of this country."

In her early years as a politically cognizant being, she found herself drawn to the Liberal party.

"By the time I was 12, I'd read Chretien's

*Straight from the Heart* book, I'd identified with Trudeau," she said. "I felt very strongly about the Liberal party."

Later in life, Redman found herself aligned with the federal Progressive Conservative party and was even a personal acquaintance of Barbara McDougall, a former PC MP and cabinet minister.

She couldn't be supporter of the Conservative party, however.

"As soon as the Reform/Alliance coalition came along . . . it was too far right," she said.

Eight months back, Redman attended a Liberal policy meeting in Toronto, "to see what the party was about, what they were and if I fit in to that in any capacity."

Redman spoke at the meeting about agricultural issues; both her father and maternal grandfather were killed in tractor-rollover accidents.

That led to the local riding association knocking at her door and while she was hesitant and while there was back-and-forth for six months, in January Redman said she finally decided to accept the nomination.

"I'd underestimated my own interest and I'd also underestimated the need for change in this riding," she said.

Redman said people in the riding are tell-



Laura Redman is running as the Liberal candidate for the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Brock riding. /Submitted photo

ing her they want change.

"I keep hearing [Barry Devolin]'s a nice guy, but people keep saying, 'What's he done for us lately?'"

It is clear, Redman said, health care is a major issue for residents.

"The biggest issue I'm hearing about right now is health care and access to primary care in this riding," she said. "People want more doctors and nurses on the ground in this riding."

Protecting the agricultural industry that

employs some 12,000 people in the City of Kawartha Lakes is a priority for Redman, as well as investment in small business and lowering the rate of child poverty, which she says is one in four children in Haliburton County.

"I think that's unacceptable in a country that has great wealth," she said.

As an MP, Redman said her priority for her first year would be to see the role of Canada's military reduced to a peacekeeping role.

"Enough of our kids have died on foreign soil in other people's arguments," she said.

It was a Liberal government that put Canadian troops in Afghanistan in 2002 and Ignatieff in the past has condoned the use of coercive interrogation methods.

"I don't think I have to agree with my leader on everything and I will have my own opinion," Redman said.

Redman has taken a leave of absence from her role as managing editor of the *County Voice* during the election campaign and said she does not see any issue with her running for office.

"There are a lot of journalists who have made the leap successfully," she said.

If she is unsuccessful, it is possible she may end up back at the paper, but Redman said she has no intention of losing.

## Election a performance review for incumbent Devolin

**Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Barry Devolin sees the upcoming federal election as a chance for the constituents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock to tell him how he's doing.

"I view it partly as a performance review before my employers," Devolin said in a phone interview last week. "In terms of just doing the job . . . part of my conversation with people is just about that."

He said economic recovery is still on the minds of many.

"I think we all feel pretty good that things in Canada are going OK," Devolin said, but added people are expressing concerns about retirement savings and pensions.

The May 2 election was triggered by a non-confidence vote in the House of Commons, toppling the Conservative government after a Commons committee found it to be in contempt of Parliament for refusing to reveal the costs of a number of programs.

It's the first time in Canadian history the government has been found in contempt of Parliament and while Prime Minister has essentially said Canadians are concerned about the economy and not the workings of Parliament, Devolin said it makes sense that the ruling would matter to people.

"It matters," he said. "I think it matters in a broader context."

First elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2006 and 2008, Devolin said some of his proud-

est accomplishments as MP are the everyday duties he and his office carry out, helping constituents with passports, pension cheques and so on.

"Being an MP in many ways is similar to a lot of jobs," he said. "If you run a restaurant, you're judged on the meals . . . day after day."

Devolin is also proud of the way he and MPP Rick Johnson cooperated to ensure the riding got its fair share of the federal/provincial stimulus money that was dished out in the past couple of years and that the volunteer firefighter tax credit of up to \$3,000 he advocated for was included as part of the budget tabled March 22.

What is the greatest lesson Devolin has learned in nearly seven years as an MP?

"The world is a complicated place," he said. "There are a lot of good ideas out there."

Devolin said he's less likely to simply take a critical stance on ideas brought forth by opponents than he would have been in the past.

Devolin recently moved his family to Ottawa and while he said the move could be made into a wedge issue, he is still spending as much time in the riding as before.

"My pattern of shifting . . . really hasn't changed that much," he said, adding that now, instead of spend-

ing four or five nights a week alone, he gets to spend more time with his family.

Both Devolin and wife Ursula grew up in Haliburton County. "It was a hard decision," he said.

What will the outcome of the election be?

Devolin said it's too early to tell, although the avid watcher of polls said he hadn't seen a

single prediction that the Liberals would win more than 100 seats.

"We're still in the first period," Devolin said.

*Devolin will be taking questions at an all-candidates meeting April 13 at 7 p.m. at Fleming College in Haliburton.*

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# points of view

## Blurring the line

JOURNALISTS SHOULD NOT become part of their subject matter. Journalists shouldn't run for office, at least not until they've decided their time as journalists is over, for good.

There are of course plenty of former journalists with successful political careers.

However, the separation of a working journalist from his or her subject matter should be as defined as the difference that should exist between church and state.

Otherwise, the water begins to cloud.

Last week, Barry Devolin made it clear he wouldn't be speaking to a certain local paper during the election campaign because his Liberal opponent, while she has taken a leave of absence during the campaign, has been the managing editor of that newspaper and may be the editor again if she loses.

Devolin questions if it is possible for him to receive fair and balanced coverage from the publication because of its connections to his opponent.

Is it possible for Devolin to receive unbiased coverage from said newspaper?

Absolutely.

Trained and experienced journalists are fairly well-versed in separating personal feelings from news stories.

Is Devolin within his rights to refuse to speak to the publication?

Absolutely.

Any politician who refuses to speak

to the press certainly does so at his or her own peril, but it is Devolin's right to decide whom he speaks to.

Now, this is where things get super uncomfortable, folks.

Along with pointing his finger at Devolin for mitigating his publication's ability to wholly cover the election, the paper's publisher, at least in an editorial published on the paper's website Sunday, has also chosen to point his finger in this direction since the *Times* and its sister paper are corporately owned, with the insinuation they are benefactors of some

scheme to put his independent paper under.

Really?

Give me a break. Or cue the aliens, or Jimmy Hoffa's zombie, or whatever.

I care as much about the community I serve as any employee of an independent newspaper and I take great offence to any implication otherwise.

If that publisher, who, according to his employee, knew she was a potential federal Liberal candidate when he hired her, wants to address the real reason for the unfortunate and uncomfortable situation local media and candidates now find themselves in, he can start by picking up a mirror.

Journalists shouldn't run for office, at least not until they've decided their time as journalists is over, for good.

Otherwise, the water begins to cloud.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

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Kim Wurk

**How can baseball clean up its image if there's still stealing?**

### letters to the editor

## Tired of the old solutions on crime

### To the Editor,

Every election the parties, usually the Conservative, drag out that old plank "we are going to get tough on crime." Then they employ methods that are proven not to work, ie. increased jail time, increased sentences.

The way to get tough on crime is to cut off criminals' income. If heroin users were registered with the government without fear of prosecution and were supplied by the government this would take tens of millions out of the hands of criminals. If marijuana is decriminalized it will take tens of billions out of the hands of what are today's criminals, plus save taxpayers another few billions on the war on drugs which is an abject failure from the beginning. It's based on a lie and everybody knows the truth.

## Thanks for Timbits curling championship

### To the Editor,

We would just like to thank Tim Hortons, the Minden Curling Club, the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, the local businesses and all the volunteers for the fantastic four-day event.

We all had so much fun, met many new friends and have memories that will last a lifetime.

We would especially like to thank our coaches John Childs and Ron Draper for all of your support, encouragement and time preparing us for this championship.

You have spent the last few months guiding, teaching and showing us how to have fun while competing in such an exciting event.

We would also like to thank Lyn Childs for spending the weekend taking care of all of us and always smiling.

Thank you to the members of the Haliburton

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# points of view

## Gas pains

**T**HREE COMES A TIME in every person's life when he or she needs to stand up and be counted. If you are short, as I am, that means you might need to stand on a chair. Or a stool. Or maybe even a stack of books. The point is you need to do something that will get you noticed. You need to speak up and say your piece.

This is something that most humans learn early on in life. When it comes to animals, however, it's just the opposite.

A dog - my dog in particular - doesn't want you to notice it as it sneaks by with a dirty sock that it just pilfered from the laundry hamper. All it wants is for you to look the other way. And judging from the number of socks that I own with holes in them, I have probably been looking the other way far too many times.

That's kind of the way I feel about gas prices these days - I think we, as consumers, have looked the other way far too many times. The only difference is that you can stop a dog, take the sock from its mouth and scold it. Sadly you can't do the same with those who sell us oil and gas.

Sure, we can whine to the attendants or station owners who are bound to prices fixed by their suppliers. We can complain to each other and we do. We can take our business to the cheapest station - and wait in line to save a few cents. But in the end, they still get the sock, so to speak. And that dog knows it.

But I can't help but think that they

could get far less of the sock if we made the price of gas an election issue. Why not? We all know that a good portion of the price we pay goes straight into government coffers. It's not as if they have no say or influence in all of this either.

I'm not an economist; I'm just a simple guy. But I think it's fairly obvious that the high price of gas is driving up the cost of everything else and removing far too much disposable income from the consumer - and this is making us tighten our belts even more, which can't be

good for the economy. Nor does it take a genius to see gas prices impact tourism, local spending, employment, businesses and prosperity in general.



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

Some people are doing well because of it. Most of us are not.

A reduction in gas taxes might see less going to government coffers - and maybe that's bad. On the other hand, it might also stimulate the economy so that good things happen. And, by the way, it's not as if governments don't collect taxes on the other things we buy.

Pardon me if I have digressed from my usual goofiness for this one column. But it's getting to the point where I can't afford to look the other way any more. We're being gouged. We all know it.

I think it's time we told our candidates that we're not looking the other way again.

*TheOutdoorLife@aol.com*

## Invigorating altercations

**T**HIS IS THE WAY my friend John Kellett used to introduce a member of his family band, The Next Generation:

"He used to play at the Dominion between the fights," said John. "He had to duck the flying bottles."

An exaggeration perhaps, but close to the way it once was. Now the Dominion is a place to sip white wine while poets wax poetic and jazz musicians toot their horns.

For the Dominion was a place through whose portals no decent woman or respectable man would ever pass, and so were most of the drinking establishments of rural Ontario.

Now, the part of rural Ontario where I grew up was much more Presbyterian than Haliburton County and I need to be careful not to confuse the drinking cultures of the two places.

All of Bruce and Huron counties were dry so you had to get souped to make the long drive worth it. The population was divided between the minority who drank themselves into oblivion and the majority who never drank at all.

It was a boom time for the old brick hotels in the little towns just across the county line. Our nearest village was not

as big as Wilberforce, but a taxi driver could make a nice living hauling hootch back from the nearest LCBO, even though that was illegal.

Pool halls did well in those days, too, serving the same function for bootleggers as dance clubs do today for drug dealers.

These were the days of beverage rooms, where you could have any drink you wanted, so long as it was beer. One room was for men only, the other for ladies and escorts, but there was no watering hole where a single fella could meet a single gal.

When I came of age, beer halls still had to give drinkers a supper break, sending working men home while they still had some of the grocery money.

Things got roaring after supper. At last call, your waiter filled your table with glasses of draught if you asked him to, and then you had half an hour to drink it all up.

You weren't allowed to dance and if you wanted to change tables, you had to ask a waiter to carry your drink for you. You weren't supposed to carry it your-

self. Or so I remember.

At first, no entertainment was allowed and then one night the blonde teenager who used to ring me through at Loblaw's in Oakville was up on stage singing hurting songs.

Almost in the blink of an eye, Carroll Baker was the biggest star in Canadian country music and a member of the Order of Canada. The ground was already shifting under those sullen bars of my youth.

Before that, the main entertainment was the Saturday night fights. Men who might go bowling now relaxed over a few brews and then went looking for an invigorating altercation.

Call a man out, kick over a few chairs, push, shove and then the two of you are out on the street in front of the Dominion or the Rockcliffe, rolling around on the sidewalk. A man I used to know, long dead, was in charge of putting you out the Dominion door.

As a little girl in the 1940s, a friend of mine lived over a store on the Minden Township side of Bobcaygeon Road, which was dry.



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

She'd spend her Saturday nights at the window, watching the tumult tumble out of the Dominion and the Rockcliffe, on Anson's wet side of the street. Who needed a hockey game?

It wasn't just the Dominion and the Rockcliffe. Every wet town in rural Ontario had its dens of iniquity on Main Street.

Once their rooms would have been full of commercial travellers with display cases and ordinary folks stranded by the train schedule. Then cars came along and the old brick piles became booze cans.

In the worst of them, hard-working men would drink up a week's pay and then, too drunk to walk, drive home instead. Or sleep it off in an alley.

A lost world. No more beverage rooms. No pool halls either. Other places to take your quiet desperation. It's odd what we miss when we grow old.

*A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.*

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**Both *Minden Times* columnists Steve Galea and Neil Campbell are award-winning writers. Winning the OCNA's best humour columnist and best overall columnist respectively.**

# letters

## Dorset fire hall has accomplished much

To the Editor,

Given the current controversy surrounding the Dorset fire hall, we wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of the Dorset Volunteer Firefighters Association. Particularly in light of the recent township actions with respect to our 1947 Willys Jeep, a little history lesson here should be a benefit to all.

The simplest way of explaining how much the volunteer association has contributed to the Dorset fire hall is to list what is in the hall that we haven't paid for ourselves. Algonquin Highlands has bought and paid for the new tanker (truck 62), the new pumper (truck 61), new air packs (about 12) and the recently purchased new gas meter. These are pretty much the only major items that the township has purchased for the Dorset fire hall.

Through hard work, fundraising, and the amazing community support spanning several decades, the volunteers, and the hard working Friends of the Dorset Fire Hall have raised enough funds to purchase:

Truck 63, the four-wheel-drive ambulance recently donated by Muskoka Ambulance Service after much work securing it by the association. The truck was completely outfitted, painted, lettered, safetied and plated by the association. This truck serves as the medical response truck and was put into service last year. As well as the old truck 63 that it replaced. Plus, the one before that! Altogether, we've now bought three truck 63s over the years.

Truck 62, the pumper taken out of service when the new 62 tanker arrived. This one includes spending over \$10,000 on the first pump rebuild and over \$14,000 on the second pump rebuild during its service to Dorset. All paid for by the volunteers. It should be noted that this truck, a 1978 Ford, replaced an older tanker that was also bought and paid for by the association!

Truck 68, the equipment truck (like truck 63 above, over the

years, we have bought and paid for two truck 68s).

Continuing on in the hall, the association also has bought and paid for:

21' Stanley boat, including repowering it with a new 140hp four-stroke Johnson outboard four years ago. Also includes tandem boat trailer;

2009 Ski-Doo, bought to replace an older Alpine Ski-Doo that had also been bought and paid for by the association;

Rescue Boggan for the snowmobile;

Double trailer to carry both the Rescue Boggan and the Ski-Doo; Yamaha ATV and trailer;

Jaws of Life, purchased with the help of the Dorset Lions Club and recently expanded with over \$6,000 of association purchased additional hydraulic implements

Three generators, to power various equipment: chainsaw, K Saw, power ice auger, smoke ejector, air compressor, defibrillator (donated by the Royal Canadian Legion, but all work applying for and securing donation was done by association, not township), pulse oximeter, a 55" flat screen television, with dvd player and computer hookups, used for watching training videos and computer presentations.

On top of this, when it was time several years back to expand the Dorset fire hall from three bays to five, it was done completely, 100 per cent by volunteers and did not cost the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands a single cent. It was a complete package. The volunteers delivered it turnkey, fully finished addition to the township, including re-shingling the whole fire hall. Imagine that - a two bay addition done at no cost to the taxpayers!

Not only did the volunteers fund the purchase of all this equipment, but we took great pride in the equipment and the maintenance of it. We allowed the township to pay for the annual inspection costs on items (annual pump certifications), but when it came

to maintenance and breakdowns, if we bought, we paid for the ongoing costs. So when old Truck 62 needed the pump rebuilt, not once, but twice, the volunteers ponied up the \$25,000 necessary. When the 31 hp portable pump needed an engine rebuild, the volunteers paid for it. When the time came to take the old wooden garage doors off the hall and replace them with insulated doors, once again, the volunteers stepped up to the plate and paid for this.

We think it is pretty plain to see, reading the above list, that the Dorset Volunteer Firefighters Association has provided thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of dollars worth of equipment to the fire hall. And we hope that perhaps council might start to realize why we have been so upset with the way we have been treated. We have thousands of hours in that hall and in fundraising to get the equipment we wanted in that hall. For those of you reading this who bought canoe raffle tickets, beer for a year tickets, pig roast tickets, pancake breakfast tickets, shopped at our flea markets, dropped off your empties, put your change into a fire boot at the Dorset garage or the LCBO, or who simply took the time to write us a cheque, we want to say thank you one final time. We hope that you, like us, take great pride in the above list. For a little town of only a few hundred people, we bought and maintained one of the best equipped fire departments in all of Ontario! At no cost to the taxpayers.

Being treated the way we were by the fire chief and training officer was horrendous enough to rip our department and association apart last year. But the township's actions last month with calling in the OPP is simply taking this dispute too far! A little respect for us and our accomplishments would not be too much to ask for from this township, would it?

Sincerely,  
Clint MacKay, Steve Woolman, Rob Walisser,  
Barb Townes and Janie MacKay

## Problems with online hydro petition

To the Editor,

My name is Dave Roylance. Thank you very much for publishing my letter on March 31 titled "Hydro we are discouraged, we are frustrated".

I informed you we had an online petition and I would like to apologize to all your readers. I'm sorry the day after I posted the petition, www.ipetitions.com deleted it with no reasoning why. I have sent them three emails asking for an explanation and no response.

You definitely can send your emails and concerns to lochlin-service@hotmail.ca as I've received many letters and many phone calls asking the same questions. I apologize for any inconvenience, apparently Hydro One and the politicians have more pull than we think living in a democracy.

I'd also like to voice my concerns about the upcoming election as we can not even voice our opinion or concerns on a subject as simple as Hydro One. My frustration lies with my vote in the upcom-

ing election as it is a much greater concern to the public than the rising cost of hydro.

It's the well being of each and every individual whether it would be health concerns, schooling for our children and seniors that are forced to live below the poverty line and go unnoticed and many more concerns.

Also the governments new pay structure over the last decade or two of rewarding the lazy and punishing the worker makes me wonder if I should just sign my pay cheque over to the government now. Maybe I'll apply for some free money that the government seems to offer all the lazy people by applying for a job in the government sector that way my vote would not go unheard. I would get rewarded with benefits and many more perks unlike I do now counting every penny to make sure I get well balanced meals and at least one light on throughout the night.

Dave Roylance  
Lochlin

## Can't wait for next year

from page 6

Curling Club, our families and our friends for coming out to support us.

We are already looking forward to next year's curling season. Look out Parry Sound, here we come!

Cody Williams, Taylor Urquhart, Jalen Campbell, Victoria Hawley, Sam McKnight, Brooke Stevenson, Glenn Graham, Christopher Draper, Glenn Bagg and Shane O'Reilly

## We can stop criminals

from page 6

The U.S is hopeless, because it is an increasingly fascist nation disguising itself as a democracy.

Canadians have an election coming up. We will get the government we deserve. If we identify the issues, make informed choices, we can make real changes. If we don't, we will continue to be a Banana republic without the climate.

Jeff Pinney  
Minden

## Satisfied?

To the Editor,

To the person, or persons, who spray painted our house in Minden: What satisfaction did you get by doing this?

Just because you have a dispute with our daughter, you're not satisfied after you put water in the gas tanks of the cars she was driving, slashed her tires, many times, and killed her dog and a local cat, now, you're taking it out on her family.

Why are you acting like a spoiled child who can't get what they want?

The police have a good idea who you are and you'll be paying for this stupidity sooner than you think. In the meantime, get off your fanny and get busy washing that crap off our garage.

Herbert Creamer  
Minden



Herbert Creamer, of Minden, found his garage vandalized and would like the person responsible to clean it up. /Submitted photo



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**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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| April 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1 pm Cultural Centre Adv. Committee - Rotary Room, MH Library                   |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | 10 am COTW/General Committee – Council Chambers / Special Council Meeting       |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | 5 pm Economic Development Advisory Committee (Rotary Rm MH Library)             |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup>                   | Last Sunday for public skating for season                                       |
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| April 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | 7 pm Lochlin Community Centre Committee                                         |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup>                     | 10 am Roads Committee - Lutterworth Office                                      |

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, April 14th, 2011**

(Following COTW/General Committee meeting)

Notice is hereby given that a Special Council Meeting has been called for Thursday, April 14th, 2011. The Special Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden immediately following Committee of the Whole/General Committee. The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider:

- a) Purchase of a new Fire Truck for the Minden Hills Fire Department

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The Obee family loves to travel. Seen here all together in Mexico in 2010. From left, Kyla Obee Tower, Rob Obee Tower, Meaghan Obee Tower, Penny Obee, Riley Obee, Aidan Obee, Hunter Obee, Margaret (Pinky) Obee, Bill Obee, Quinn Adam, Logan McCreight, Janna McCreight, Zachary Adam, Kevin McCreight. /Submitted photo

# Obee family remembers Penny

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Penny Obee had a larger-than-life personality.

Full of energy, passion and dedication, she was the kind of person who would go the extra mile to make someone feel special.

It's what her family will remember about her for the rest of their lives.

Just more than a week after Penny, 64, passed away in a swimming accident in Costa Rica, her family gathered at the Obee home near Carnarvon coming to grips with the loss and planning for a Celebration of Love to be held in her honour.

"The glass was always half full for Mom. Definitely," daughter Meaghan, 33, remembers.

"More than that. Two litres in a litre-and-a-half glass," son Hunter, 37, smiles.

Daughter Janna, 37, and Penny's hus-

band Bill nod in agreement.

Practical, smart, inquisitive and bursting with life, Penny was the ultimate organizer, a dedicated mother of three, grandmother of eight and wife.

On March 14, Penny died while swimming with a friend in Playa Bejucos.

"We were walking down the beach, out for a walk. [Her friend] Sue and Penny went into the water to play in the waves. They were only about chest-high - they weren't all that deep - and the riptide pulled her out," Bill remembers.

"There was a guy who was surfing and he tried to bring her back and they got her to shore and did CPR and I thought she was going to come back and she didn't."

"I just thought she's going to be in the hospital. Not in the morgue, but in the hospital."

The accident happened after a long and restful vacation in the country, one of many trips the world-travelling Bill and Penny took in their 42-year marriage.

This one was special, though.

It was the beginning of real retirement. A time to get away from the pressing demands of the hectic schedule of volunteerism the pair was immersed in.

"We both got very comfortable with laying in the sun. We never read so much in years," Bill says.

They had friends come visit and they rented a car to see the countryside.

Word of Penny's death shocked the community, who immediately reached out to the family with calls and offers of help.

"Dad told us Monday night and Tuesday by mid-afternoon I had had 17 phone calls at home in Toronto," Meaghan says.

"As you would expect from Haliburton, everyone's been amazing, offering support and saying whatever we can do to help, let us know. Let us know if you need food, let us know if you need bread, let us know if you need milk, whatever."

Ask what Penny's life was about and the family agrees.

She was all about people.

"I think one of the things she was really good at was making people feel special," Meaghan says.

"If somebody asked her to speak at something, instead of just making a speech, she'd write a limerick. She found neat ways to make people know she cared about them and took the time to do nice things."

As the vice-principal of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, then of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and then principal of Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, Penny was often in a position of leadership, touching the lives of thousands.

After she retired, she decided to move into the travel business in 2001 as a part-time project to keep busy.

"It was going to be a minor thing to take two to three hours a day and got to be closer to 15 or 16 hours a day," Bill remembers.

see CELEBRATION page 11

# Celebration of Love planned in her honour

from page 10

The business became a success, based on her dedication to the work and to making everyone's trip extra special.

How Penny dealt with the bankruptcy of an airline just before March Break one year typified her work.

"She couldn't sleep well [that morning]. She got up, went on the computer [and saw that the airline] went broke, rearranged all but one of their clients' [flights]," Bill says.

"Before people were even out of bed she had already found them a solution," Meaghan says.

Her career in education brought her similar challenges and infinite rewards.

"She loved to see where her students went to. It didn't matter where they ended up. Whether they ended up as an MD, or ended up working in a service station. She was interested in what they ended up doing with their life," Bill says.

Starting out as a teacher, Penny taught a range of kids, from her own kids to the Great One himself, Wayne Gretzky.

Working in Brantford, Penny was Gretzky's Grade 5 homeroom teacher.

"He would fall asleep at the back of the class because he was up late playing hockey," Janna remembers her mom saying.

For Janna, having her mother as a teacher was bittersweet.

"She was my homeroom teacher [at Archie Stouffer Elementary School]. It was fine, she just didn't want anyone to think she was favouring us, so she never let us answer questions. I could be jumping at the back of the room saying, 'I know the answer! I know the answer!' And nobody else knew the answer, but she would never let us talk," she says.

Penny was also an active volunteer, putting in hours on the Point in Time board, in charge of registrations for the Real Easy Ryders, active in the Minden Curling Club and the Federation of University Women.

In her personal life, Penny was fiercely dedicated to her family, organizing special activities for her kids and grandkids along with husband Bill.

"One of my fondest memories from last summer was when Mom got up with my boys at three in the morning to watch the lunar eclipse," Janna says. "I said, 'this is so wonderful, you're making such great memories for them.' And she said, 'these are memories for me too. It's not just for them.'"

Meaghan marvels at her mother's ability to create special moments with family.

"She was so good at creating memories. My three-year-old has memories. It's great to think she has all these memories," she says.

"When we were in Costa Rica we went on a tour in the national park that Kyla, my three-year-old thought was quite possibly the most awful, boring thing she had ever done in her whole life. She complained non-stop and Mom said 'I'll take her out.' I thought they were going to go to the beach. ... Off they went to a cafe for French fries and banana milkshake and Kyla still talks about it all the time."



Bill and Penny Obee were world travellers together for more than 42 years.

At left, Penny Obee in 2007./Photos submitted



Penny also loved reading and card games.

Not a family likely to sit around the TV after dinner, Penny would get the Obees playing a board game or outside around the bonfire.

The activities she planned are what stick in the memories of her family.

"She would do scavenger hunts at Christmas," Hunter says.

"With outside clues to get everybody out of the house Christmas Day," Bill adds.

Now the family wants to share their memories with the community.

"To talk about Penny," says Bill. And celebrate love.

*The Celebration of Love for Penny Obee will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at YMCA Wanakita's "Core" in Donald, Ont. Commemoration at 2 p.m.; arrival any time after 1 p.m. Memorial donations towards a perpetual scholarship in honour of Penny Obee or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Donations towards the scholarship can be sent to HHSS Scholarship Fund, Box 390, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or brought to the Celebration of Love. Tax receipts will be issued.*

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# Haliburton County news

# EMS director hopes to build community paramedic program

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 31 meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board in Wilberforce.

Injured emergency service workers returning to the job could have a new, community-based assignment in a pilot project proposed by EMS director Pat Kennedy.

Mirroring the community paramedics program in effect in Renfrew County, EMS staff on standby would be used to service community non-urgent medical needs such as blood sugar testing or ECG scans.

"That's where I want to go with pre-hospital medicine here in Haliburton County," Kennedy said to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board March 31.

In Renfrew County, EMS workers do home visits and meet with residents at community centres to do basic medical procedures that can be taken back to their doctors.

It is a system that alleviates some pressure on the health-care system and is more convenient for those living far away from the hospital.

Kennedy told the board he would like to begin the project in 2012.

He also outlined the enhanced services coming for the county, including better summer and weekend coverage.

He credited county council for approving a budget

increase in a year when departments were being asked to keep their expenses tight.

## Palliative care bed a go

The Haliburton hospital has been given the green light to turn one acute care bed into a palliative care unit by the Local Health Integration Network.

Start up funding of \$51,500 has been given to Haliburton Highlands Health Services for the process.

As CEO Paul Rosebush told the board, 28 palliative patients stayed at HHHS last year, but without a specialized environment.

Although appropriate beds exist in Peterborough, those people and their families chose Haliburton, often because the drive to those beds was a stressor they didn't need.

"We have provided palliative care in the past; this will give us the ability to enhance that care," Rosebush said.

The goal is to have two palliative units at the hospital one day.

## Better communication in waiting rooms

Better communication to patients in waiting rooms in the county's emergency departments is one of four goals the health services board will be tackling in the coming year.

Complying with provincial health legislation, the board has asked staff to explain wait times to patients, increasing patient satisfaction and decreasing the number of people

who leave ERs without getting help.

"When people come to us for care we don't want them leaving us without being seen," CEO Paul Rosebush told the board.

In the 2009/2010 year, 412 people left the ERs in Haliburton County without being seen.

Rosebush wants that number to drop to 330.

Alongside that goal, the board has also taken on three more quality improvement goals.

Despite a 91 per cent patient satisfaction rate, a new question will be included in this year's survey: would you recommend this emergency department to your friends and family?

Another goal will be to receive fewer rejected lab specimens.

There were 206 rejected specimens last year, causing the lab to twice sample the same person, delaying feedback. Regular consultations with LifeLabs, the company that does the lab work, should reduce those rejected specimens by 20 per cent, Rosebush said.

The last goal was to ensure best physician practices by having an outside evaluator look at three doctors' charts.

About 200 charts will be examined from two doctors from Haliburton ER and one from Minden.

The process will cost \$10,000.

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# Local businesses feel Timbit effect

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

As more than 300 visitors swept through Minden for the 24th annual Timbits provincial curling championships many neighbouring businesses felt a positive economic impact from the tournament.

Hosted by the Minden Curling Club from March 31 to April 3, the four-day event saw 64 teams from across Ontario visit the township, taking advantage of local eateries and accommodations along the way.

Molly McInerney, owner and operator of Molly's Bistro Bakery, credits a higher than normal volume of customers experienced on April 1 to the tournament.

Located next door to the curling club and S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, McInerney's business welcomed those participating in the event with a special mention on its sign.

"Anything that we can do to bring a new crowd is good and it doesn't matter if you don't feel an impact today. All Minden businesses are pretty great that way. We're very welcoming," said McInerney.

To help those visiting the community for the first time McInerney handed out maps of Minden Hills to those who came through her restaurant.

Downtown restaurants The Dominion Hotel and Grill on the Gull also experienced a positive economic impact, said owner Shawn Chamberlin in an email to the *Times*.

"A number of times these visitors told us stories of how friendly people in Minden are, how well they had been treated and how happy they were to be here," wrote Chamberlin.

Restaurants were not the only ones feeling the bene-

fits of the tournament. Accommodators, such as the Red Umbrella Inn were busier than normal as they hosted families involved in the event.

"We ran probably 90 per cent full for the tournament and everyone that was with us was involved in the tournament," said Michael Chilvers, manager and chef of the inn. "It was a lot of fun and everyone had a good time from what I heard."

After experiencing a soft March, this past weekend was a welcome economic boost, said Chilvers, who hosted some families that had never been to the area before.

"The more the community can host these events I think it's good for all of us. If anything it's getting people from afar to know the community."



Molly's Bistro Bakery, located in Minden, was one of the many local businesses that benefited from the Timbits provincial curling championships that took place from March 31 to April 3. The four day event saw 64 teams participate in the 24th annual tournament and drew more than 300 people to the area.

**Angelica Blenich**  
Times staff



The Minden Curling Club and the 282 young curlers who competed in the 24th Annual Timbits Elementary School Provincial Curling Championship would like to thank the Organizing Committee (Jane Boyd, Dwight Thomas, Pauline Ploard, Barb Millington, Lynda Litwin, Dave McKay and Eric Casper), the volunteers, the coaches and the sponsors for making this bonspiel such an amazing success.

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# Minden Hills council ponders community safety zone

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills council is investigating the possibility of declaring the entirety of Minden village as a community safety zone with a likely speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour.

At a March 31 meeting, councillors received a submission from Councillor Brigitte Gall in which Gall suggested the speed limit along Newcastle Street be lowered from 50 to 30 kilometres an hour out of concern for the number of children in the area.

Gall said there are 11 families, seven of which have small children, that live along the section of Newcastle from Hwy. 35 to Chandos Street. She said the area is also home to special needs child and there have been numerous collisions along the stretch of road, including an incident where a child on a bicycle was struck.

Councillor Lisa Schell had concerns about lowering the speed limit for just that particular stretch of road.

"I don't want to sound callous and I don't want to sound like I don't care," Schell said, adding there were many streets in Minden that are home to children and daycare facilities.

However, Schell said the previous council had denied a request from residents of Parkside Street, near the cultural centre, that the speed limit on that street be dropped to 40 kilometres per hour.

It would seem unfair then, Schell reasoned, to change the limit on Newcastle.

Schell said if council was going to lower the speed limit on Newcastle Street, it should do so for all the village's residential streets.

Reeve Barb Reid suggested council might consider expanding the community safety zone which exists the area near Archie Stouffer Elementary School to encompass the village.

Council referred the matter to staff.

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# Residents discovers early Minden connection

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

While leafing through a travel diary his grandmother Vera Stidolph kept, Alan Clark stumbled upon something that caught his eye.

There under an entry marked February 1921, was a list of dates preceded with locations visited. Next to the date Feb. 19 was Minden.

It didn't take Alan long to realize the records kept by his grandmother insinuated his mother, Valerie Clark, had performed in the town she now calls home, at the tender age of four.

Now at the age of 94, Valerie reflects on her early ties to the community and what her mother's travel diary really meant.

Born in Niagara-on-the-Lake as Vera Secord, Valerie's mother made a living in show business up until 1929.

The Secords, said Valerie, had a long history with the arts and Vera was no exception.

"My mother played for quite a few different people and then met my father, from England," said Valerie.

Valerie has very little recollection of her father, Stanley Stidolph, who was killed during the war when she was only one.

Left to take care of her small child alone, Valerie's mother began travelling around the country performing a rendition of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, with her child taking part in the performances.

"I was on the stage across Canada until I was five."

Although she has very little memory of the event, one of the stages Valerie performed on was in Minden, on Feb. 19.

"Alan found one of these diaries and he phoned me and told me about it," said Valerie.

After doing a little digging, Alan believes his mother and grandmother's performance took place at the old Minden town hall.

"Word of the story is making the rounds among the older ladies in Minden and I had a call after one discussion and the ladies believe that the performance was probably held in the old town hall which had a small stage and periodically presented entertainment," wrote Alan in an email to the *Times*.

"They say she most certainly would have eaten and slept at the Dominion. The old town hall burned down and the current county building was constructed on the same site."

To mark the occasion Valerie and her son went to the Dominion Hotel on the anniversary of her stay at that location exactly 90 years ago.

Not wanting to follow in her mother's footsteps, Valerie's career in show business ended at the age of five, at which point she began attending school.

"When she got out of the business she wanted to do things for people," said Valerie about her mother. "She hated the life, she didn't like anything

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**I was on the stage across Canada until I was five.**

— Valerie Clark

about it."

Other places listed in Vera's travel diary include Haliburton, Coboconk and Fenelon Falls.

"My mother was so pleased when the movies came in 1929, that ended these little shows," said Valerie.

Valerie went on to live in areas such as London and Ottawa with her husband Keith and three sons before moving to Minden at the age of 90 to be closer to her son Alan.

The community, said Valerie, has welcomed her with open arms since her arrival four years ago.

**Angelica Blenich** Times staff

Minden Hills resident Valerie Clark poses with a portrait of her mother, Vera Secord, a stage actress in the early 1900s.

Clark travelled with her mother as a young child and performed on stages across the country in a rendition of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

She performed on stage in Minden at the age of four. Clark is now 94.



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# sports



Three hundred young curlers line up at the opening ceremonies of the Timbits championship April 1./Photo by Angelica Blenich  
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## Minden hosts 24th Timbits tournament

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Minden may go down in history as one of the friendliest towns to ever host the 2011 Timbits provincial curling championships.

From March 31 to April 3 the township was abuzz as more than 300 young curlers from Grades 4 to 8 participated in the

Ontario Elementary School Curling Championships, hosted by the Minden Curling Club and the municipality of Minden Hills.

As 64 teams from across the province competed over the course of four days one sentiment echoed throughout the event, the hospitality and friendliness that was conveyed by the community as a whole.

"We're so happy you're here," said Dwight Thomas, co-chair of the tournament's organizing committee and past-president of the Minden Curling Club, during the opening ceremonies held on April 1 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

The ceremonies began in traditional Highlands style as all 64 teams were piped into the arena by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band. Teams were led around the ice, which had been transformed from a hockey rink into five curling sheets in less than 80 hours under the direction of chief ice technician Eric Casper.

Participating players and their families were welcomed by a number of political dignitaries during the ceremony, including Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"How about Tim Hortons for putting on this event," said Fearrey. "I believe it's important for young people to learn how to win and lose."

"We're so pleased to have you here," said Reid. "You are all such an inspiration to young people."

Hosted in conjunction with the municipality, an organizing committee made up of more than 100 volunteers began planning for the event a year ago.

"I want to thank the volunteers who put this on," said Reid. "One of the things we're most proud of in Minden Hills is our volunteers."

It was the first time Minden had hosted the event and a plaque of recognition was awarded to event co-chairs Jane Boyd and Dwight Thomas on behalf of the Ontario

Curling Association.

Now in its 24th year, the tournament will return to Parry Sound in 2012, where it was held in its first year.

"Parry Sound will have a difficult time following this given the pull we have to get the army here," said Minden Curling Club member and tournament official Scott Boyd, referencing a military training exercise that coincided with the event.

Local hometown hero Jake Walker, former Timbits participant and Junior World Champion curler, wrapped up the ceremony with some sound advice for all the competitors.

"I want to remind you no matter how you do don't get down on yourself," said Walker. "I wish you all the best of luck."

Along with the volunteers the tournament was made possible thanks to the help of corporate sponsor Tim Hortons and many local sponsors, said Thomas, who also thanked the Haliburton and Wilberforce Curling Clubs for the use of their stones.

Winners of the tournament were recognized during a special closing ceremony held on April 3 at the Minden Curling Club. The final results were as follows:

A Event: First place - Seaforth 2 - Seaforth - skip: Ethan Doig. Second place- MacLeod - Sudbury - skip: Tanner Morgan.

B Event: First place - St. Michael Catholic - Kemptville - skip: Ryan Brown. Second place- JDH 3 - Haliburton - skip: Alexandra Casper.

C Event: First place - McDougall 1 - Parry Sound - skip: Adam Walker. Second place - Mountsfield -London - skip: Katy Gray.

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**Left:** Sixty-four teams from across the province participated in the Ontario Elementary School Curling Championships, held from March 31 to April 3 in Minden Hills.

**Above:** Members of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Team 2 sweep as their stone comes to a stop during a set played at the Minden Curling Club on April 2.

**Right:** Andrew Carmount of Archie Stouffer Elementary School prepares to throw a stone during a set played at the Minden Curling Club.



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# Red Hawks figure skating led by Pringle performance

## March 29

The HHSS Figure Skating team competed against teams from 18 high schools across Ontario – some with as many as 15 skaters on their teams.

Our team of Shenese Alden, Jillian Mayhew, Casey Pringle, Shyanna Smith, and Hanna Reddering finished seventh overall, with a top three placement in over half

their events. Special mention to Casey Pringle who placed third of 19 skaters in her freeskate event.

The senior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to Brock High to begin their season. Twelve of 14 players qualified for next week's qualifier.

First place finishes to Tiffany van Lieshout and Scott Griffith (mixed doubles), Drew

Paul and Jesse Schmidt (boys' doubles) and Bin Chun (boys' singles).

## March 30

The junior Red Hawks badminton team competed in their first qualifying tournament in Fenelon Falls. The team had a very successful day with all 16 players qualifying for next week's tournament. HHSS placed first in four of the five events, with first place finishes from Matt Kim (boys' singles), Jessica Bishop and Sandy Griffith (girls' singles), Tanner Ballantyne and Tanner Hamilton (boys' doubles) and Ali Hicks and Darcy Schmidt (mixed doubles).

- with files from Judi Paul's class



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Monday evening playoff winners: Alana Bannister, Shannon Bittner, Holly Broderick, Laura Pottier and Emily Shapiera.



Tuesday evening men's league playoff winners: from left, club president, Steve Robson, team members, Iain Kay, Ross Petch, Bert Kennedy, Murray Cooper, league convenor, Dwight Thomas.



Thursday mixed league winners, from left, John Sloan, Susan Sloan, Audrey Robson and Steve Robson.



Tuesday evening men's league winners: Cec Ryall, Mike Clewlow, Dave McKay and Ted Wilkes.

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Thursday mixed playoff winners, from left, John Sloan, Len Goreski, Patti Goreski and Maureen Moore.

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Friday evening mixed league winners: Iain Kay, Joyce Nilsson (Donna Lee McKnight presenting) Barb Millington and Dave Millington.

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# Fate of rope swing in the air

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The fate of the rope swing along the Gull River near the Loggers' Crossing footbridge is up in the air.

At their March 31 meeting, Minden Hills councillors received a report from community services director Rick Cox in which he recommended a number of unhealthy willow trees along Invergordon Avenue, including the one that is home to the rope swing, be removed.

Cox's concern is that the rotting trees are a safety hazard.

"This spring, the amount of dead limbs high in the trees requires attention to mitigate the hazard," he wrote in his report. "The branches are not large but they are big enough to do some damage if they were to fall on someone."

Cox, who said the rope swing had been a liability concern of his for some time, told councillors he understood the removal of the trees would not be a popular decision.

"It is an ugly thing to do," he said.

Councillor Lisa Schell said the removal of the rope swing would not make the area safe for swimming.

"It will never, ever be a safe swimming

hole for small children," Schell said. "If you take the rope down, then children will be jumping off the bridge."

Cox said people were jumping off the bridge anyway, although there is signage indicating not to, but said he had liability concerns about the swing, specifically.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch suggested that if the township is going to remove the rope swing near the footbridge, it should do the same with the rope swings in Rotary Park.

"There are ropes in willow trees up there," she said.

Reeve Barb Reid said the township should consult a professional arborist about the removal or possible salvation of some of the trees and Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke said he'd like the township to consult its insurance carrier about signage, including the signage at the bridge to make sure it is still adequate.

Councillor Jean Neville questioned if the township was even liable for any incidents involving rope swings.

"We didn't put the ropes up," Neville said.

Council voted to refer the matter to an arborist as well as the township's insurance carrier before moving ahead with a decision.

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## Fleury wins award

Kinmount's Bruce Fleury receives an award from Lifesaving Society governor of Ontario branch, Marc Neeb, on March 25, in Oshawa. Fleury was honoured with the Lifesaving Society Centenary Medal. He said that he appreciates his volunteer work being recognized, but noted that there are many other volunteers who also strive to help their communities. Fleury's contribution to the society included building an instructional program for the City of Scarborough Recreation, Parks and Culture./Photo submitted



## Canoe registration fee revoked

**Dan Schell**

Special to the *Times*

After much criticism from recreational and commercial canoe and kayak users across Canada, the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities announced that the registration process for these vessels has been eliminated.

Chuck Strahl, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, announced in mid-March that the much-debated registration process would not have to be undertaken on human-powered vessels such as canoes, kayaks and small sailing boats as well as boats that are powered by engines with less than 10 horsepower engines.

This comes after canoe and kayak enthusiasts were left baffled by a lengthy and costly registration fee for their vessels. Commercial outfitters across the nation

and within this area as well as the camps that rely on their large fleets of vessels was facing a \$50 registration fee as well as a lengthy registration process.

A review of the policy at Transport Canada highlighted the impact of this fee on those who rely on holding and sustaining a large number of these human-powered boats.

"Paddlers and small boat owners told us the registration process was too complicated and burdensome and our government agrees this was a bad policy," says Strahl in a press release announcing the exemption from the registration process.

"We do not believe Canadian boaters should face onerous regulations to go canoeing and kayaking which is why registration requirements for all human-powered vessels, small-sailing vessels and small motorized vessels will not be required."

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# Letters and a phone call: Agnes Jamieson Gallery finds more Lapine work

**Laurie Carmount**  
Special to the Times

December, at 4 p.m. Outside gloom is gathering; the last of the visitors have left. I was sitting at the gallery's reception desk, poring over original letters written by Andre Lapine. I needed to familiarize myself with these letters for an upcoming exhibition in the fall. I needed to understand what this man was like, what his impressions were of life.

It was becoming a profound and slightly unnerving exercise. I had an overwhelming sense of loneliness from these letters. A picture was gathering in my mind of an elderly man trying to make connections to anyone. He was in his late 80s, his wife had passed away. He lived by himself in a small studio above Malloney Gallery in Toronto.

Yet he speaks through his handwriting of beauty, inspirations and humanity. His observations are simple yet intriguing.

Suddenly the phone rings, and my heart stands still. This call, I knew, was going to be important.

"Good afternoon, Agnes Jamieson Gallery," I said.

"Hello. I am calling about a painter by the name of Andre Lapine. I understand from your website you have his work in your collection?" asked a woman.

"Yes, our collection has an extensive amount of his work." I replied with a feeling of anticipation.

"We have a large painting of his. It has been with our company for many years and hangs in our foyer. I was hoping you could give me some background and perhaps tell us more about the painting," responded the woman.

"Of course," I said. I gave a brief history on Lapine and explained how the town of Minden acquired so many of his works.

The woman was Linda Illingworth, an employee of Hilroy, one of Canada's largest paper companies, located in Toronto. She informed me the company was moving from York to Mississauga and everything had to go. She described the painting to me which was a winter scene with teams of horses pulling logs. I explained Lapine was best known for painting horses and that this would add to the value.

"Could you send me an image of the painting?" I asked.

Within minutes an image appeared via email. To my amazement I knew this painting. Looking up from my desk at a small showcase in the front of the gallery, I could see an original catalogue from Lapine's last exhibition in 1946. Staring back at me from this catalogue was this painting.

I immediately responded back to the email explaining this connection. After a series of emails I was invited to visit Hilroy to see the painting.

Knowing that time was of the essence I made arrangements as soon as possible, travelling to Toronto with Daniela Pagliaro, director of the centre. At the very least to document the work for our database, and at the very best, hope the painting would be donated.

As it turns out, Hilroy had other pieces of Canadian artwork including Tom Roberts and E.A. Dalton. We met with Bob Hoddon, president of Hilroy.

We discovered that the founder of Hilroy, Mr. Roy Hill, made the effort of purchasing Canadian artwork for his company. At the time of the purchase, Lapine was "the" artist of Toronto. His work was selling for three times the amount of those in the new Group of Seven. For Roy Hill this would have been a crowning acquisition. And, as it should be, the painting hung above all, high on the wooden panelled wall of the posh foyer, double-framed in a heavy, elaborate gilt.

Our visit was short and to the point. We discussed the

artwork and came to the decision that an appraisal was needed to help determine the next steps.

I called upon our trusted appraiser and long-time supporter of the gallery, Daniel Zakaib.

"Hello Daniel? Laurie here . . . got a big favour to ask."

Mr. Zakaib had two days to appraise the artwork at Hilroy before the company was completely packed up and shipped out. Like a caped crusader, Daniel made his way over, going through the work in one afternoon. (I'm sure there was much positive dialogue from Daniel on the gallery's behalf.)

The market values were determined and the amounts sent to Hilroy with a letter of consideration. Within a week I received the following email:

"Not just the Lapine but the Dalton as well! Now to get the paintings to Minden. This required renting a truck, taking a meandering drive following a not so clear GPS, a quick trip to Walmart for a comforter to cushion the paintings (seemed important at the time), a near miss in taking out Hilroy's new modern entranceway while backing up the truck - and *c'est bon*, paintings are up and ready to view at the gallery."

The E.A. Dalton painting is a large oil on canvas depicting a valley in Quebec with an exaggerated white spiral. The Lapine is also of Quebec. Both are in need of some restoration so will not be exhibiting for more than a month's time.

Call it what you may, this was all meant to be. The energies were tapped into, setting things in motion. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery sincerely thanks Hilroy for these significant donations to our collection. The gallery also thanks John Rogers for his personal financial contribution towards defraying costs incurred.

And dear Andre . . . mission accomplished.

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# Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art just more than a week away



**Melissa Alfano**

Dorset News

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melalfano@hotmail.com

Dorset ladies' night takes place on Wednesday, April 6 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 7 p.m. All ladies are welcome to join in for some Easter fun including baking, games and a chance to win a prize. The cost is \$5 per person. To find out more or to register, please call 705-766-9968.

There will be a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, April 13. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Joy at 705-766-1418.

Community Care Haliburton is looking for volunteer drivers in the Dorset area. If you can help or would like more information, please give Bridget a call at 705-457-2941.

The eighth annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art celebrating the arts is taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 15.

The celebration includes artists, writers, poets and musicians from Haliburton and Muskoka. Artists will be showing samples of their work, writers and poets will be reading and musicians performing.



The Corporation of the Township of  
**Algonquin Highlands**

REQUIRES A

**TREASURY ASSISTANT**

(Temporary Full-Time Position)  
Maternity Leave

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking an individual with experience in office procedures and municipal finance to work in the Municipal Office. The successful applicant will possess a minimum of two years experience in a related position preferably within a municipal setting. Strong clerical and administrative skills in accounting and municipal tax rates, billings and collections are an asset.

Salary Range: \$19.21/hr - \$21.62/hr

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume in confidence and clearly marked TREASURY ASSISTANT by

**4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011** to:

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM1  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Township of Algonquin Highlands  
1123 North Shore Rd.  
Algonquin Highlands, ON  
K0M 1J1  
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Email: abird@algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca

In the line up to read are Martin Avery, Brenda Peddigrew, Lea Harper, Jacqui Morrison, Laura Redman and Bob Smith. Zoe Chilco will be performing her original jazz and blues music and some of the artists showing will be Barbara Joy Peel, Susan MacDonald, Kathleen Atkinson, Gord Rosewarne and Mike Janetakes. Organizers are still welcoming applications from artists to participate.

The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a walkabout until 7 p.m. when the readings and music begin. Moon Shadows Estate Winery will be showcasing their special fruit and maple syrup-based wines and thanks to Robinson's General Store there will be a lovely snack for attendees.

Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre or at the door. The event is open to those 19 years of age and over. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

There will be a Dorset community policing meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, contact Marlene at 705-766-2409.

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church is hosting their annual Seder Supper on Thursday, April 21 starting at 6 p.m. A Seder Supper is a ritual feast to celebrate the Israelite exodus from Egypt and usually takes place on the second night of Passover. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$6 for children. Please call Pat at 705-766-2373 for reservations or for more information (by April 19 please).

Birthday wishes for the week of April 3 to 9 go out to Emily Shortreed, Adam Jones, Kim Spielbergs, Rick Morris, Sherri Keown, Bruce Coulson, Katherine Johnson, Noreen Tracey, Karla MacKay, Laura Flynn and Evan Coombs. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Township of Algonquin Highlands

Pursuant to By-Law 07-46  
**NOTICE** is hereby provided that  
the Council of the Corporation of the  
Township of Algonquin Highlands  
intends to further consider and, if  
appropriate, adopt the

**2011 FINAL BUDGET**  
on Thursday, April 7, 2011  
at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the  
Municipal Council Chambers,  
1123 North Shore Rd.

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# Planning group launches website

The Dorset Planning Group met on March 22 to discuss their achievements to date and to seek feed-back and new ideas from the community. Good attendance included members of council from Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays townships providing encouragement and recognition for the many volunteers who are working on specific projects. The mission of this volunteer group is to foster economic and community development within Dorset and its greater surrounding area.

A new website entitled The Community With A View has been designed and launched. Visit [www.dorsetcanada.com](http://www.dorsetcanada.com)

The site provides a comprehensive business directory, events calendar, social and cultural contacts and community services, a photo gallery and more.

The Dorset dock revitalization program is moving forward with construction of a new gazebo, new decking and seating and heritage plantings ready this spring.

Beaver Creek Institution may provide some construction support.

Plans for a new children's playground will take place this summer.

Plans are under way to arrange for regular maintenance and beautification of the dock, playground and other areas of the town.

New community funding initiatives are now in place to enable corporate and private donations in support of these economic and aesthetic initiatives. A brochure is available within the community to enable contributions.

New social and cultural activities and events are in the planning stage to help showcase the community to business, private residents and visitors.

A community economic development and business group is being formed to further explore business opportunities within the community and its future requirements.

The next scheduled meeting date for this dynamic community group is Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m., at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome.

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# Brush up

Young children in Haliburton County are not immune to a problem that is becoming a real pain in the mouth for some.

Early childhood tooth decay (ECTD) affects many preschool children in the area, and that is why parents and caregivers are being encouraged to brush up on their child's oral health habits.

To help them do this, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is providing free dental screening clinics for preschool-aged children on Tuesday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre located at the back of the Sears Building at 144 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

At these clinics, a registered dental hygienist from the health unit will do a visual dental screening for preschool children attending the event, and can provide recommendations on care and treatment. Parents can also discuss any oral health concerns with health unit staff, while finding out about oral health resources. Information about various publicly funded programs that provide free dental treatment for eligible children will also be available. More details about these events are available by calling the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 247.

The preschool dental screening clinics are being organized as part of Oral Health Month in April, an occasion the health unit is using to highlight the fact that tooth decay can start at a very young age in children. Early childhood tooth decay (EDTD) is an aggressive form of tooth decay that, if left untreated, can affect a child's eating habits, growth and development and overall health. Dental screening done by health unit staff during the 2009-2010 school year found approximately 16 per cent of junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten students in Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County had experienced ECTD.

"Early childhood tooth decay is all too common in children who start school, but we even see cases of tooth decay in children as young as one or two years of age," says Anna Rusak, a health promoter with the HKPR district health unit.

In order to check on a child's oral health, parents should call their dental office or the health unit to schedule a first dental visit for their son or daughter around the time the youngster turns one year of age. According to Rusak, other ways parents can reduce their children's risk of ECTD include: not giving babies a bottle to drink in bed, ensuring children do not drink from a bottle or sippy cup throughout the day (except if the beverage is water), wiping children's gums with a soft washcloth before the first tooth appears, and cleaning young children's teeth with a soft-bristled toothbrush twice a day, as soon as teeth appear. As children get older, encouraging them to regularly brush and floss will help them learn good oral health habits for life and grow up cavity-free, Rusak adds.

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## Notices



### Haliburton Village BIA Request for Tender

To provide regular maintenance, watering and fertilizing of 50 hanging baskets and approx. 20 sidewalk planters from approx. June to October 2011. Quotes can be for either:

- 1) Supplier uses their own watering and fertilizing equipment or
- 2) Supplier to provide labour only with equipment provided by the BIA

Quotes to be received on or before 12 noon April 18, 2011

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Haliburton Village BIA  
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### NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (By-law – 11-29)

#### Part of Lot 17, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden JOHNSON/MANN RZ-10-10(P)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 11-29 on the 31st day of March, 2011 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 26th day of April, 2011, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 6th day of April, 2011.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST  
Planning Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

- a. the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- b. the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS BY-LAW NO. 11-29

Being a By-law under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to amend the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, with respect to a parcel of land at Part of Lot 17, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Minden.

By-law No. 11-29 amends Schedule "8" of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Rural Residential (RR) Zone to the Rural Residential Exception 7 (RR-7) and Rural Residential Exception Eight (RR-8) Zone as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law.

This By-law will be in conformance with the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills.

## Career & Business Opportunities



### Township of Algonquin Highlands ROADS DEPARTMENT Employment Opportunity MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a full-time Maintenance Worker (Stanhope Yard) with equipment experience to assist with all aspects of municipal summer and winter maintenance programs.

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands offers a friendly and busy work environment. Interested parties are invited to submit their résumé to the address below no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 12, 2011.

Township of Algonquin Highlands  
1123 North Shore Rd.  
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1  
ATT: Mr. Brian Whetstone CRS-S  
Manager of Operations  
Tel. 705-489-2379

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

This personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine eligibility for potential employment.



### TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS Requires an Environmental & Property Operations Manager

(Excellent opportunity for advancement - Council considering restructuring - may lead to Director of Public Works position)

The Township of Minden Hills is located in the Haliburton Highlands and services approximately 5,500 permanent residents and a substantial seasonal population. In addition, this small mixed rural/urban community attracts many year round tourists.

#### The Role:

Reporting to the CAO, the Environmental & Property Operations Manager will be responsible for promoting, developing, directing and administering a comprehensive program of: Property and building maintenance; landfill/transfer stations; water supply and distribution systems; waste water collection system and treatment plant, including hands-on maintenance, within the guidelines of Municipal/Provincial policy. A position description is available upon request.

#### The successful applicant must have and be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of Water and Waste Water and Environmental functions within the Municipality. Must have a minimum Level 2 Certification in Water Supply and Wastewater Distribution Operations. Additional certification will be considered an asset.
- The ability to interpret Environmental Studies and Water and Waste Water Assessments.
- A good understanding of and the ability to interpret policies, regulations, legislation and guidelines relating to all functions.
- Excellent supervisory skills and be competent in the interpretation and application of employment policies, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills as they deal with a wide variety of individuals and groups on a regular basis.
- Excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.

The position requires a minimum of five (5) years experience in a similar progressively responsible related position. Compensation of the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications (salary grid currently under review). A comprehensive benefit package will be available. A clean police record check will be required.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence, clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL - Environmental and Property Operations Manager", by 12:00 noon on April 29th, 2011 to the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Mr. G.M. Morrison, CAO (e-mail: [gmmorrison@mindenhills.ca](mailto:gmmorrison@mindenhills.ca)) Telephone: (705) 286-1260 ext 213. Fax: (705) 286-4917. [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca)

Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

# Easter Bingo is just around the corner



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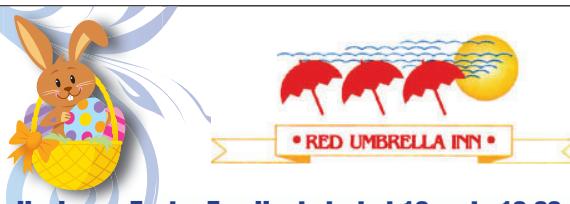
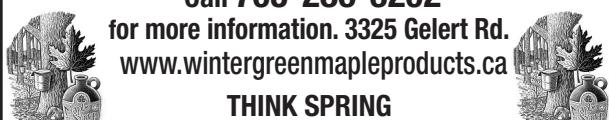
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Peter Cottontail him self



First a thought from the desk. The happy couples affectionately smiling out from eHarmony commercials may have missed a serious compatibility issue when completing their questionnaires. While maybe sounding frivolous at first this omission could lead to serious relationship issues down the road when the sparkle dust has settled. Finally a definitive answer comes from none other than Charles the Butler. Charles, a frequent guest on the Marilyn Denis TV show, operates a school for butlers in Toronto. So dear Charles, when replacing the toilet paper roll, what way should the paper come off? Well it's from over the top and furthermore according to this etiquette expert making pointed corners on the end like at expensive hotels is considered pretentious. Here at the old farmhouse there has never been a tissue issue except for total failure to replace and plug ups by visiting city dwellers.

From the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount a reminder that this Friday, April 8, it's Easter Bingo at 6:45 p.m. Prizes include turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a \$300 must-go jackpot. The next day, Saturday, April 9, the ladies auxiliary will hold its spring bazaar and tea from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the branch. For more information on all Legion events please give Tracy a call at 705-488-2810 after 3 p.m. Annual nomination and election of officers will take place at the branch on Sunday, May 1 at 1 p.m. Once again appreciation goes to all those who volunteer at the Legion for their contributions to this community.

For avid Bingo fans mark your calendars for the second annual Easter Bingo hosted by the Kinmount and District Lions Club on Wednesday, April 13 at the Galway Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the hot dogs will be ready. The early bird games begin at 6:45 p.m. with regular games to follow. Prizes include turkeys, hams and cash with proceeds going to sponsor the Music in the Park program dur-

ing the summer months. Everyone is most welcome to attend this musical afternoon. Tickets are \$10 with children free of charge. Purchase your tickets at Gateway Variety, Kinmount Pharmacy or by calling 705-488-2129.

The next regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will take place on Wednesday, April 13 at the Minden Legion, 12847 Hwy. 35 across from County Rd. 21, with doors open at 6 p.m. and the speaker at 7 p.m. Speaker Don Hinchley, a retired secondary school teacher, author and past president of the Ontario Genealogical Society, will assist those researching their roots by sharing additional sources related to the educational system. Other features will be the bring-and-win raffle and refreshments will be available. There is no charge for the evening and guests are most welcome.

On a further note the HHGG is trying to collect copies of all years of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School yearbook for the resource room in the Minden Hills Library. Please contact Carol Simmons at 705-286-3588 if you can assist.

From the Friends of the Rail Trail comes news that the Sunday Rambles 2011 program is underway. This signatures series originated by FoRT welcomes all – "young and old, individuals and families, sociable dogs, lovers of railway heritage and nature alike." For more information please call 705-457-4767.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development annual finner auction takes place on Saturday, April 30 at the Galway Hall. Tickets for this popular event are \$25 and sell out quickly so do give Diane a call at 705-488-2635 to avoid disappointment. Donations of items for the country, silent, Loonie and live auctions are most welcome and can also be arranged through Diane.

The Canadian Federation of University Women, Haliburton Highlands chapter, invites everyone to a card party on Thursday, April 28 at the Haliburton Curling Club beginning at noon. There will be bridge, euchre, whist and board games. The cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch with cash bar available. For tickets and to reserve your table contact Linda at 705-457-2064 or drop by Kitchens Etcetera, Haliburton or Organic Times, Minden for tickets. All proceeds go to the CFUW-HH Scholarship Fund. Please bring your own cards/games, scorecards and pencils.

Until next week ...

## Coming Events



### HALIBURTON MOVIE NIGHTS

Thursday, April 7/11

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# The best part of spring is the multitude of garage sales



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Sorry, readers, it's been a dry spell! That's not to say that there hasn't been anything happening in our neck of the woods.

I have been very busy between working at Sir Sam's ski hill and the Sony Centre in Toronto and it seems that home is just where I sleep.

But that's all going to change!

This is my favourite time of the year, moving towards another busy season, seeing our good friends from out of town again, catching up on each others' winters. That is the question we get asked many times which starts conversations that gets us all to know more about each other.

Signs of spring (finally) are all around and I am not delusional to think it wouldn't snow and sour the mood.

What are the signs of spring?

Never mind the robin! The first true signs of spring are garage sales! What a fun thing to do, whether you're looking for that necessary item or just wanting to get out and see friends and neighbours.

The roof of our garden centre is on and ready for our annual garage sale happening on April 16. Many interesting items, new, gently used and it will all be set up inside where whatever Mother Nature has to offer will not affect our day.

There will be munchies to walk around with while you look.

## Coming Events

Garage sales are recycling at its best! Come out and join us.

It's time to remind you that our team, the Pine Reflections Bloomers will be joining all the other teams on June 10 and 11 to do the Relay for Life. My team has been busy collecting pledges for this relay but there is always room in the envelope for a little more cash.

The Relay for Life event has a very moving ceremony. There are actually two ceremonies. The first is at the beginning of the evening when survivors with caregivers, friends and family walk the track and then at dusk when luminaries are lit. Surrounding the track at the high school will be luminaries in memory of battles that were lost and honor-

ing the brave struggles of cancer survivors. Each luminary has a personal message written on it. At dusk, when each one is lit up, it's unbelievable the impact and emotion personally felt as I walk around the field.

The relay has become a big part of my yearly agenda. With this in mind, each year I want to be part of turning in as much money as possible.

A donation can be any amount, nothing is too small - it all makes a difference! While I'm not around 100 per cent, I can be available to accept your donation whether it's to purchase a luminary or just to make a general contribution to this worthy cause.

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**Minden & District Horticultural Society:** First Tuesday of the Month March-November. March & April 1pm May-November 7pm located at the Minden Community Centre for more information call Barb at 705-754-9303 or Liz at 705-447-0151

**Wednesday:** Bid Euchre 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission Thursday: Bid Euchre 7pm Echo Hills Apt. For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618

**April 5: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

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**April 11:** Haliburton Highlands Grannies Spring Meeting at 1:30pm at Zion United Church in Canarvan. Guest Speaker Joy Davies. A spare change collection will be held at this meeting, all proceeds from Granny events go to Stephen Luis Foundation. For Further information call Mickey at 705-286-2198

**April 13:** Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Meeting at Stanhope Community Centre @ 1pm Come and hear Jacqui Clarkson speak on "Why we need yellow in our life" Doors open at 10am Everyone Welcome for more information call Sharon @ 705-286-1531

**April 13:** Lia Sophia Jewelry Show in support of Community Care: 1:00-8:00 located at 83 Maople Ave. Unit 3 Drop in Centre, Halco Plaza for more information contact 705-457-2941

**April 13:** Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at the Minden Legion, 12847 HWY #35 Doors open 6pm Topic: The Hidden Genealogical Treasures in Our Education System. Speaker Don Hinchley For more information call Gail 705-286-2225

**April 14:** HHFN presents Ontario Nature Celebrating 80 years: 7:30pm at Fleming College Haliburton doors open @7pm Visit [www.hhfn.ca](http://www.hhfn.ca)

**April 16:** Maplefest all you can eat Pancake & Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale. 9 am- 1pm Lochlin United Church, Lochline Rd Off Gelert Road. Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 \$3.00 Preschoolers free

**April 16:** Gooderham United Church Easter Bake Sale 10am to 3pm Lunch Available

**April 26:** Dental Day at the Minden OYEC 10am – 1pm. A dental Hygienist from HKPR Dental Health team will be available for screenings RSVP 705-286-1770

**April 27:** Haliburton County Historical Society presents Speaker Hilda Clark Topic: tour of the 100th Anniversary of Wilberforce Public School and National Historic Red Cross Outpost Located at the Wilberforce Public School @ 1:30pm (Please Bring garden chair)

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to [jmcethron@mindentimes.ca](mailto:jmcethron@mindentimes.ca) or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to [jmcethron@mindentimes.ca](mailto:jmcethron@mindentimes.ca) or brought in to the office.

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Why wait until tomorrow.  
to tell someone you care?  
For beyond the dawn tomorrow,  
you may not find them there.  
The past now lies behind us,  
and tomorrow may not come.  
We only have today, my friend,  
to beat upon life's drum.

Friend why not say,  
"I love you!"  
to those that you hold dear,  
For time is such a fragile thing  
that death may soon appear.  
Let others know you love them  
so there's never any doubt.  
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